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COUNTERVAILING DUTIES-PROPOSED SUCHMAN VISIT.

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1. AS NOVEMBER 12 IS HOLIDAY MANY SPANISH OFFICIALS
WILL BE TAKING LONG WEEKEND AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
ON NOVEMBER 11 EITHER. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (BASSOLS) IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
WHO WOULD BE LOGICAL CONTACT FOR SUCHMAN WILL BE OUT
OF THE CITY AS WILL HIS DEPUTY. BASSOLS DID ASSURE
EMBOFF THAT AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL FROM HIS DEPARTMENT
AS WELL AS THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WOULD BE AVAILABLE.
BUT HE ASKED THAT WE STRESS THAT THE DATES WERE VERY
AWKWARD FOR THE SPANISH.

2. BASSOLS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY TO IDEA
OF USG OFFICIALS COMING TO SPAIN TO MAKE "INVESTIGATIONS"
ON COUNTERVAILING DUTY CASES. HE WAS MOLLIFIED WHEN
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TOLD THAT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND NOT FACTFINDING

WERE WHAT WE HAD IN MIND.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCHMAN VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL WITHIN
THE LIMITATION THAT DECISION MAKERS AND THOSE MOST
LIKELY TO TAKE PART IN JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING
ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE HERE ON THE AVAILABLE DATES.
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